GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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CHINESE ASSISTANCE FOR CONTROLLING FLOODS
MONI KUMAR SUBBA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether during the recent visit of the Chinese delegation the question of floods in Brahmaputra was discussed and Chinese co-operation to control these floods was solicited;

(b) If so, their response thereto;

(c) Whether the feasibility of controlling Brahmaputra floods with Chinese and international co-operation has been examined; and

(d) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) During the visit of the Chinese Foreign Minister in July 2000, EAM had proposed that the two countries enter into a dialogue to examine ways in which human suffering could be reduced on the Indian side in the event of natural disaster. The matter was followed up. The Chinese side has recently indicated willingness to have discussions on this matter. Modalities are being worked out.